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Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

January 9, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The 100 Black Men Of Greater Mobile, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life within our communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for those we serve. The 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile, by utilizing the diverse talents of our members and through our Four For The Future Plan, uses mentoring, education, health and wellness and economic development to serve as a beacon of leadership and create environments where our children are motivated to achieve, and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the community we serve. With all that said, The 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile would like to offer our comments to the Federal Communications Commission regarding proposed net neutrality regulations because we see the potential for the FCC's decision to negatively affect community development.

The most obvious concern about the FCC's proposed new regulations is the probability that these new regulations will drive up the cost of Internet access and decrease investment in infrastructure, especially in communities of color. It seems that the existing policies have been successful and should be allowed to continue uninterrupted by new net neutrality regulations. The current Internet marketplace is fostering tens

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of billions of dollars in investment, creating tens of thousands of American jobs. This is all conducive to promoting community development, whereas new net neutrality regulations would inject an element of uncertainty into the mix. A "light touch" approach to Internet regulation is what has worked in the past and what is needed today if we want to see continued investment and new job creation, leading to productive citizens.

Our concern regarding net neutrality regulations come from the recognition that the Internet is a powerful tool that can be used to further 100 Black Men of Greater Mobile's Four For The Future. First, the Internet enhances the mentoring process by enabling constant contact between the mentor and mentee. Second, the Internet improves the quality of education by providing students with access to information, advanced instructions and remote training that they might not otherwise have access to. Third, the health and wellness of our community is improved by myriad telemedicine applications now available via the Internet. Finally, economic development is encouraged by the Internet because it provides access to job postings, job training, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

We do not wish to see our Four For The Future subjected to the idealistic desires of a few Internet elites. What we wish to see is an Internet that is unfettered by regulation and allowed to operate successfully, as it has for many years now.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Damon Wickware". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Damon Wickware
President